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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR BRAZIL'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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1. THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL (TSE) ON JULY 23 ISSUED THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 1976 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WHICH SPELL OUT THE APPLICATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS TO ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNING IMPOSED BY THE LEI FALCAO ENACTED JUNE 24.

2. REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT DURING THE 30-DAY PERIOD PRECEDING THE LAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE ELECTION, THERE WILL BE ONE HOUR DAILY OF FREE RADIO AND TV CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDA TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PARTY(ARENA) AND OPPOSITION PARTY (MDB). NO OTHER CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDA IS ALLOWED ON TV AND RADIO. ANY TIME UNUSED BY ONE PARTY CANNOT BE USED BY THE OTHER. CANDIDATES CAN BE MENTIONED ONLY BY RADIO OR TV STATIONS LOCATED IN MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THEY ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. PROPAGANDA ALLOWS MENTIONING ONLY CANDIDATES NAME, PARTY AFFILIATION, CURRICULUM VITAE AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION NUMBER (TV MAY ALSO SHOW THEIR PICTURES). THE TIME AND PLACE OF POLITICAL MEETINGS MAY ALSO BE ANNOUNCED.

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3. COMMENT: RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT CAN BE MENTIONED IN TV

AND RADIO PROPAGANDA IMPOSED BY LEI FALCAO MATCH THOSE
ALREADY EXISTENT FOR PAID PROPAGANDA IN PRESS. MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS INVOLVE NOT ONLY THOSE RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL
(CAMARA DE VEREADORES) BUT ALSO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR
(PREFEITO) EXCEPT IN THOSE MUNICIPALITIES WHICH ARE:
STATE CAPITALS; NATIONAL SECURITY AREAS, OR LOCATIONS OF
MINERAL SPRINGS. IN THE LATTER, THREE CATEGORIES MAYORS ARE
GOVERNMENT APPOINTED. END COMMENT.
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